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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ARGENTINE POSITION ON SELA

1. ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT THE MEXICO MINISTER OF PATRIMONY IS PRESENTLY IN BUENOS AIRES AS PART OF A SWING THROUGH LATIN AMERICA TO CANVASS POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE VENEZUELA-MEXICO INITIATIVE ON SELA. THE ARGENTINE OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT THE ARGENTINES HAD VERBALLY PUT FORWARD THE FOLLOWING 5 POINT POSITION IN RESPONSE TO THE MEXICAN VISITORS QUERY:

(A) ARGENTINA WILL STUDY THE IDEA WITH GOOD WILL BUT HAS RESERVATIONS.

(B) ARGENTINA DOES NOT FAVOR ANY ORGANIZATION OR SYSTEM WHICH WOULD BE CONFLICTIVE WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR WITH GIVEN COUNTRIES.

(C) ARGENTINA BELIEVES THE CENTRAL PROBLEM IS WHETHER SUCH AN ORGANIZATION COULD BE EFFECTIVE. ARGENTINA HAS GRAVE DOUBTS SINCE IN ORDER FOR THE ORGANIZATION TO WORK  
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EVERY HEMISPHERIC COUNTRY WOULD HAVE TO PARTICIPATE; ARGENTINA

DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY WILL.

(D) ARGENTINA IS CONCERNED AS TO WHAT PRESIDENTS PEREZ AND ECHEVERRIA INTEND TO PUT FORWARD DURING THE FORMERS MARCH 17-22 VISIT TO THE LATTER. IF THEY SIMPLY INTEND TO INVITE ALL COUNTRIES TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL THEN THERE IS NO PROBLEM. IF, HOWEVER, THEY INTEND TO FORMALLY CALL ON THE OTHER COUNTRIES TO JOIN, ARGENTINA SEES SERIOUS POSSIBILITY OF DISAGREEMENTS AND DISARRAY.

(E) FINALLY ARGENTINA BELIEVES THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL CONFLICTS WITH AND MIGHT ENDANGER THE NEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA WHICH ARGENTINA AND MOST OF THE HEMISPHEREIC COUNTRIES VALUE HIGHLY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL INDICATED IT WAS ARGENTINE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEIR POSITION IS MORE OR LESS IN CONCERT WITH THAT OF BRASILIA. POSITION IS DESIGNED TO PLACE SUCH CONDITIONS AND PARAMETERS AROUND SELA THAT IT WILL NOT GET OFF THE GROUND. THE OFFICIAL INDICATED ARGENTINES BELIEVE THE VENEZUELAN-MEXICAN INITIATIVE WILL NOT PROSPER.  
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